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## BILLING CODE 6717-01-P DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

BOST5 Hydroelectric LLC BOST4 Hydroelectric LLC BOST3 Hydroelectric LLC Project No. 12758-004 Project No. 12757-004 Project No. 12756-003

## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) regulations, 18 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 Federal Register 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the applications for original licenses for the Red River Lock and Dam No. 5 Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 12758-004), Red River Lock and Dam No. 4 Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 12757-004), and Red River Lock and Dam No. 3 Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 12756-003). The proposed projects would be located on the Red River in Louisiana. The Lock and Dam No. 5 Project would be located in Bossier Parish, near the Town of Ninock, Louisiana, at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) Lock and Dam No. 5 at river mile (RM) 200 and would occupy 69.9 acres of federal lands managed by the Corps. The Lock and Dam No. 4 Project would be located in Red River Parish, near the Town of Coushatta, Louisiana, at the Corps' Lock and Dam No. 4 at RM 168.5 and would occupy 135.1 acres of federal lands managed by the Corps. The Lock and Dam No. 3 Project would be located in Natchitoches Parish, near the Town of Colfax, Louisiana, at the Corps' Lock and Dam No. 3 at RM 116.5 and would occupy 60.2 acres of federal lands managed by the Corps.

Staff prepared a multi-project environmental assessment (EA), which analyzes the potential environmental effects of licensing the three projects, and concludes that licensing the projects, with appropriate environmental protection measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the EA is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website at <a href="http://www.ferc.gov">http://www.ferc.gov</a> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits, in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online

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Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary.

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